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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2002 for which a response is due on December 17, 2002. This Amendment intends to place the pending claims into form of allowance. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made". Also enclosed herein are the following exhibits A-C:

Exhibit A:

CN1248702;

Exhibit B:

CN1255552; and

Exhibit C:

CN1255651.